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Title: EXPANDABLE WELL SCREEN

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Sir:

A broadening reissue application filed herewith, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

22. (New) A subterranean well system, comprising:
 a wellbore intersecting a formation; and
 a well screen disposed within the wellbore and filtering fluid flowing between
the formation and the wellbore, an annulus between the well screen and wellbore, the screen
including a woven metal material filter element radially expanded from a first configuration
to a second radially enlarged configuration within sand-flow inhibiting particulate matter
deposited into the annulus, whereby fluid flow through the well screen is filtered when the
filter element is in the second configuration.

23. (New) The well system according to Claim 22, wherein the filter element
includes a first layer of material with first openings therethrough, and a second layer of
material with second openings therethrough, the second layer outwardly overlying the first
layer, and the second openings being larger than the first openings.